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For: PHARMACEUTICAL SOLUTIONS OF LEVOSIMENDAN being a National Stage filing of PCT International Application No. PCT/FI00/00761, filed on September 8, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary Amendment

Please amend the application as follows:

In the abstract:

Please add the abstract attached to the end of this Preliminary Amendment.

In the specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, after the title, insert a first paragraph as follows:

-- This application is a national stage filing of PCT International Application No. PCT/FI00/00761, filed on September 8, 2000. This application also claims the benefit of priority to Finnish patent application no. 19991925, filed on September 10, 1999. --

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1-10 and 13 and add new claims 14-21 as follows:

1. (Amended) A pharmaceutical aqueous solution comprising levosimendan or a salt thereof as an active ingredient, the pH-value of the solution being lower than 5, and optionally a solubility enhancing agent.